and (ii) for registration of a New Drug by a subsequent applicant if the formulation is in Solid Oral dosage form.

(c) Criteria for testing new drugs seek to ascertain their safety and efficacy.

Lifting of Cement Samples by Bureau of Indian Standards

*377. SHRI DRUPAD BORGOHAIN: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Bureau of Indian Standards has been empowered to take samples of cement from godowns of any manufacturers, stockists, dealers, etc.

(b) if so, what are the objectives of taking such samples;

(c) how many samples of cement, manufactured by companies located outside North-eastern Region but marketed in Assam through their dealers, were taken by Bureau of Indian Standards for testing in 1997 and 1998;

(d) whether, in this process the Bureau detected any substandard cement marketed within the jurisdiction of Bureau of Indian Standards, Guwahati and

(e) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS (SHRI SURJIT SINGH BARNALA): (a) and (b) Under the Bureau of Indian Standards Act, 1986, and the relevant rules /regulations issued thereunder, the Bureau operates a product certification scheme. Licences to use the Bureau's Mark (ISI) on products including cement, which comes under mandatory certification, are granted to the manufacturers in accordance with this scheme. Periodic drawal of Samples of ISI marked products by the inspecting officers of the Bureau from the factories of the licensees and from the market with a view to checking their quality is an integral part of the certification scheme. Power of the inspecting officers of the Bureau to take samples of any article or of any material or substances used in any article or process, in relation to which the Standard (ISI) Mark has been used, is provided in section 25 of the Bureau of Indian Standards Act, 1986.

(c) to (e) Samples are normally drawn by the respective offices of the Bureau from the factories of the licensees under their jurisdiction and from the markets in those areas. The Bureau has not received any complaint of any sub-standard cement supplied to North Eastern States by any of its licensees outside the region. In view of this, no samples were drawn during 1997 and 1998 by Guwahati Branch Office of cement manufactured by companies located outside North Eastern Region.

खाद्यान्न को एक राज्य से दूसरे राज्य में लाने-से-जाने पर लगी रोक को हटाया जाना

*378. **श्री बलवन्त सिंह रामूवालिया** :

श्री कपिल सिब्बल :

क्या खाद्य और उपभोक्ता मामले के मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार, ने चालू वर्ष के दौरान देश में खाद्यान्नों, विशेषकर धान और गेहूं की प्रचूर मात्रा में उपलब्धता को देखते हुए खाद्यान्नों को एक राज्य से दूसरे राज्य में लाने-से-जाने पर लगी रोक को हटा लिए जाने का निर्णय लिया हैं,

(ख) यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं, और

(ग) यदि हां, तो इस समय खाद्यान्नों को एक राज्य से दूसरे राज्य में लाने-ले-जाने के लिए क्या-क्या शर्तें पूरी करना आवश्यक हैं ?

खाद्य और उपभोक्ता मामलों के मंत्री (श्री सुरजी सिंह बरनाला) : (क) और (ख) मार्च, 1993 में केन्द्रीय सरकार ने सभी राज्यों/संघ राज्य क्षेत्रों को परामर्श दिया था कि वे खाद्यान्नों के संचलन पर से सभी प्रकार के प्रतिबंध हटा दे । इसके प्रत्युत्तर में पश्चिम बंगाल, तमिलनाडु, आंध्र प्रदेश और जम्मू और कश्मीर को छोड़कर सभी राज्यों/संघ राजय क्षेत्रों ने या तो धान/चावल के संचलन के मौजूदा प्रतिबंध हटा दिए हैं अथवा सूचित किया हैं कि खाद्यान्नों के संचलन